



Docket No.: 1081.1055

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshio KITAMURA

Serial No. 08/932,427

Confirmation No. 5306

Filed: September 17, 1997

For: RAID APPARATUS AND ACCESS CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR WHICH
BALANCES THE USE OF THE DISK UNITS (AS AMENDED)

Group Art Unit: 2188

Examiner: Gary J. PORTKA

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on June 30, 2004. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to September 30, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination is filed concurrently filed herewith.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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